

providing a given remote seller who would utilize if provided some measure of security an out-sourced network of distributed brick-and-mortar sites to afford a distributed public a relatively proximate opportunity for a walk-in inspection of ordered merchandise before accepting or refusing delivery;

providing an out-sourced network of distributed point-of-access associates that supply a network of distributed, physical stores in which to offer walk-in merchandise inspections of remote sellers' merchandise;

providing an association resource that supplies a secured-exchange program comprising the steps of:

a given user ordering merchandise from the given seller in conformance with the program as by providing security against the order with the association resource;

the given user and seller agreeing to a given point-of-access associate's store for a walk-in inspection; and,

the seller causing delivery of the merchandise to the given point-of-access associate's store in conformance with the program as by providing security against the order with the association resource;

whereby the given user can utilize the given point-of-access associate's store for a walk-in inspection of the merchandise before opting to accept or refuse delivery and, also, said secured-exchange program affords the given point-of-access associate with opportunities to increase public traffic by offering the inspections.

22. The secured exchange method of claim 21 wherein security against the order can take the form of a direct payment to account, an advance authorization to a credit card charge or by otherwise securing payment in some chargeable fashion under the control of the association resource.

23. The secured exchange method of claim 21 the given user providing security against the order can be transacted as late as concurrent with the walk-in inspection.

24. The secured exchange method of claim 21 the given seller providing security against the order can be transacted as late as concurrent with the given point-of-access associate taking delivery of the merchandise.

25. The secured exchange method of claim 21 wherein the association resource supplies program information to the point-of-access associates including information for the given point-of-access associate on particular conditions of release the inspected merchandise to the inspecting user.

26. The secured exchange method of claim 25 wherein the particular conditions of release include verification that the inspecting user sufficiently fulfills or secures payment or barter for the inspected merchandise.

27. A method of secured exchanges of merchandise facilitating transactions between a distributed user public and remote, generally online sellers; comprising the steps of:

providing a distributed user public that would like a chance to inspect merchandise from remote sellers before having to accept or refuse delivery;

providing a given remote seller who would agree to such if provided some measure of security;

providing an out-sourced network of distributed point-of-access associates that supply a network of distributed, physical stores in which to offer walk-in merchandise inspections of remote sellers' merchandise;

providing an association resource that supplies a secured-exchange program comprising the steps of:

a given user contacting the given seller to cause delivery for inspection of merchandise on a specified point-of-access associate's store in conformance with the program as by providing security against the transaction with the association resource; and,

the seller causing delivery of the merchandise to the specified point-of-access associate's store whereby the given user can utilize the opportunity for a walk-in inspection of the merchandise before opting to accept or refuse delivery;

said secured-exchange program thereby affording the point-of-access associates with opportunities to increase public traffic by offering the inspections.

28. The secured exchange method of claim 27 wherein security against the transaction can take the form of a direct payment to account, an advance authorization to a credit card charge or by otherwise securing payment in some chargeable fashion under the control of the association resource.

29. The secured exchange method of claim 27 wherein security against the transaction includes cover for fees of the association resource and point-of-access associate for providing the program including fees in cases of transactions gone awry.

30. The secured exchange method of claim 27 wherein the given user's security against the transaction is a condition precedent before the given seller moves to cause delivery.

31. The secured exchange method of claim 27 wherein the association resource supplies program information to the point-of-access associates including information for the given point-of-access associate on particular conditions of release of the inspected merchandise to the inspecting user.

32. The secured exchange method of claim 30 wherein the particular conditions of release include verification that the inspecting user sufficiently fulfills or secures payment or barter for the inspected merchandise.

33. A method of secured exchange of goods between generally remote parties comprising the steps of:

providing one party and a counter party who desire to exchange goods between each other with opportunities to inspect each other's goods before agreeing to accept or refuse;

providing an out-sourced network of distributed point-of-access associates that supply a network of distributed, physical stores in which to offer such inspections of goods;

providing an association resource that supplies a secured-exchange program comprising the steps of:

the one party specifying a given point-of-access associate's store and the counter party specifying a counter point-of-access associate's store;

the one party causing delivery of the one party's goods to the counter point-of-access associate's store in conformance with the program as by providing security against the transaction with the association resource;

the counter party causing delivery of the counter party's goods to the given point-of-access associate's store in conformance with the program as by providing security against the transaction with the association resource;

the association resource providing both point-of-access associates with authorization for inspection in response to both parties providing security against the transaction so that the parties are afforded mutual opportunity to inspect the each other's goods before agreeing to accept or refuse; and

the association resource further providing the point-of-access associates with authorization for releasing the inspected goods to the inspecting party in response to both parties agreeing to accept;

whereby said secured-exchange program affords the point-of-access associates with opportunities to increase public traffic by offering the inspections.

34. The secured exchange method of claim 33 wherein failure to act timely and inspect is construed as constructive refusal.

35. The secured exchange method of claim 34 further comprising either the association resource or any of the point-of-access associates originating contact with the respective parties upon the readiness of the corresponding goods for inspection.

36. The secured exchange method of claim 35 wherein either the association resource, any of the point-of-access associates, or an opposite party monitors the lapse of time and follow-up contacts since the original contact with a tardy party in order to decide whether such a tardy party constructively refuses by reason of failure to act timely to inspect.

37. The secured exchange method of claim 33 wherein security against the transaction can take the form of a direct payment to account, an advance authorization to a credit card charge or by otherwise securing payment in some chargeable fashion under the control of the association resource.

38. The secured exchange method of claim 33 wherein security against the transaction be inputted with either of the given or the counter point-of-access associates, any different others of the point-of-access associates, or the association resource.

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39. The secured exchange method of claim 33 wherein security against the transaction includes cover for fees of the association resource and point-of-access associates for providing the program including fees in cases of transactions gone awry.

40. The secured exchange method of claim 33 wherein the association resource supplies various other matters of information to the point-of-access associates including information in cases of any refusal.
